



## Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy



### Minutes of the Regular Board September 17, 2010

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Herb Grant, Chair  
Sara Wright, Secretary  
Manijeh Daneshpour  
John Seymour

#### **MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Kay Ek  
Mark Flaten

#### **STAFF PRESENT:**

Nancy O'Brien

#### **GUESTS:**

Mary Hayes  
Bruce Minor, Argosy University  
Steve Peltier, St. Mary's University  
Students

### **I. ORAL EXAMINATION**

Oral examinations were administered on September 16 and September 17, 2010. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to Bradley T. Bychinski, Stephanie A. Carlson, Rachel M. Footh, Claire E. Haedike, Rebecca S. Hallette Phillips, Eric Hansen, Jamie Lei Hauer-Walker, Laura Nechanicky, David M. Olmscheid, Erin E. Pounder, Irene E. Sabin, Steven C. Summers, Mistyne A. Zacharias.

### **II. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Herb Grant called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. in the University Room of the University Park Plaza Building.

### **III. CONSIDER AGENDA**

The agenda was approved as written.

#### **IV. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 20, 2010, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 20, 2010, board meeting were approved as amended, passed on a motion by John Seymour and seconded by Manijeh Daneshpour.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT**

Mary Hayes reported that she has received several inquiries regarding online MFT degrees. Members discussed online degrees and agreed to incorporate this into the rule making process.

Mary Hayes and members discussed whether it should be the board office or the academic institutions who decipher coursework review for individuals entering MFT programs. Members agreed to include this as an agenda item for the October board meeting.

#### **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **Application Committee:**

14 applicants were approved to sit for the state examination.  
One (1) applicant was approved to sit for the national examination.

##### **Complaint Committee:**

Mary Hayes reported that the Complaint Committee met on August 31, 2010, to discuss the status of open complaints.

##### **Continuing Education Committee:**

Mary Hayes reported that several new continuing education programs have been approved and posted to the board's website since the last meeting.

##### **Personnel Committee:**

#### **VII. UPDATE ON THE HIRING PROCESS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR POSITION**

Herb Grant reported that the Personnel Committee held four final interviews and would like to recommend that the Board offer Jennifer Mohlenhoff the position of Executive Director. After discussion, Sara Wright made a motion to offer the Executive Secretary position to Jennifer Mohlenhoff. John Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed. Herb Grant stated that Ms. Mohlenhoff is available to begin on September 29, 2010.

Sara Wright made a motion that Jennifer Mohlenhoff be credited with public service credit for leave accrual purposes for her prior public service with the Minnesota Office of the State Auditor from July 1, 1996 to January 3, 2003. John Seymour seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Members expressed gratitude to the Personnel Committee for the time and work they've invested in the hiring process.

Members expressed gratitude to Mary Hayes for the many hours she has invested serving as a consultant to the board over the past two years.

## **VIII. VARIANCE REVIEW**

Variance #1: Members reviewed a request for a variance to the coursework requirement. It was concluded that the request does not require a variance. John Seymour made a motion to instruct the requestor to present an official current transcript and clarify that a variance is not needed. Manijeh Daneshpour seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Variance #2: Regarding a request for a variance to the supervision requirement. John Seymour made a motion to approve the variance request. Manijeh Daneshpour seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Variance #3: Members reviewed an appeal to the denial of a continuing education program “Complementary Medicines: What Really Works?” Members agreed that while the program provides an overview of a variety of diverse approaches that may or may not be within the scope of practice of any particular licensed profession, there does not appear to be evidence that the presentation addresses the scope of practice or clinical decision making on the appropriate application to specific professions or clients. John Seymour made a motion to deny the request for appeal. Sara Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Variance #4: Regarding a request to sit for the national examination again after failing more than five times. John Seymour made a motion to approve the variance. Manijeh Daneshpour seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Variance #5: Regarding a request to wave the reinstatement fee to an LMFT 2010 renewal. John Seymour requested the variance be tabled and to request additional information such as external documentation of medical leave, employment status, continuing education, and documentation of a written agreement with the employer to pay the renewal fee.

Variance #6: Regarding a request for a variance to the supervision requirement. John Seymour made a motion to advise the requestor to seek an alternative MFT board approved supervisor who would be able to provide 25% of the supervision electronically. If not, the requestor may apply for a variance. Manijeh Daneshpour seconded the motion, the motion passed.

## **IX. PUBLIC INPUT**

There was no public input.

## **X. OTHER ITEMS**

There were no other items.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Herb Grant adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m. on a motion by Sara Wright and seconded by Manijeh Daneshpour.

I hereby attest that these minutes were read and approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy on October 15, 2010.

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Sara Wright, Secretary

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